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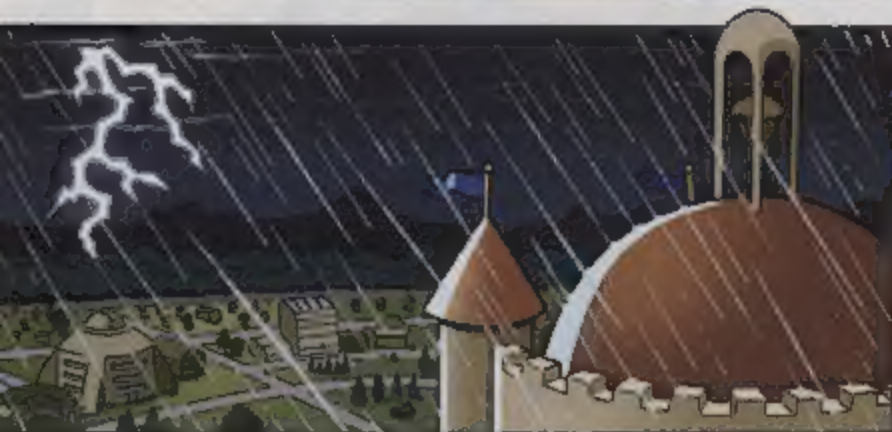
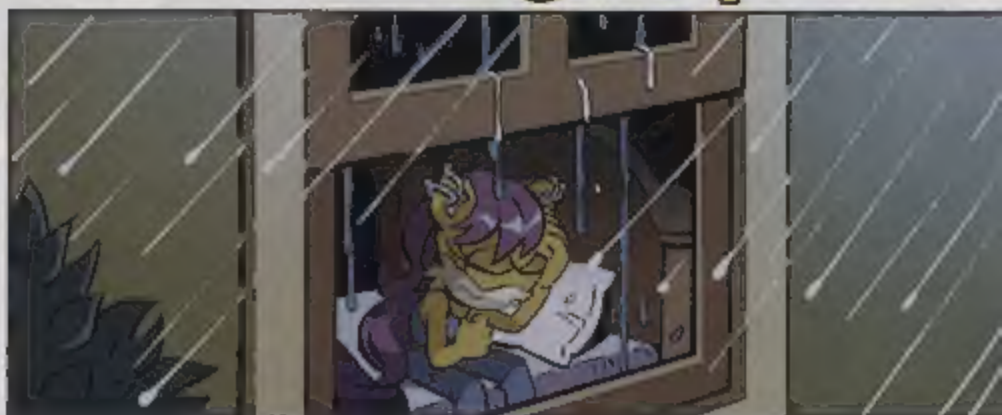
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MINA
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MUSIC
STAR



ASH
MON-
GOOSE
MINA'S
MANAGER



I'M SORRY, GEOFFREY. I'M AFRAID THE WEATHER HAS PUT MAX IN A BIT OF A MOOD.

NO APOLOGIES NEEDED, YOUR MAJESTY. SIRE, YOU TASKED ME WITH FINDING A MEANS TO RESTORE THE MONARCHY TO PROPER AUTHORITY, CORRECT?

A CHAOS EMERALD WOULD DO JUST THAT, BUT THEY ARE DIFFICULT TO COLLECT WITHOUT ~~AHEM~~ ACCEPTABLE LOSSES.

AH, I SEE. VERY PRAGMATIC. PROCEED AT YOUR DISCRETION...

...COMMANDER.

THANK YOU, SIRE.

YES...?

FIRST YOU DRAG ME OUT EARLY IN THE MORNING IN THE RAIN, AND NOW I'M AN "ACCEPTABLE LOSS"? CARE TO CLUE ME IN, STRIPES?

IT'S NO FUN THAT WAY, BUT IF YOU'RE GONNA BE A SISSY ABOUT IT...

IT'S HEART-BREAKING, BUT OLD MAX IS LOSING HIS MARBLES.

YEAH, I PICKED UP ON THAT.

HE THINKS HE CAN BRING BACK THE OLD DAYS, AND TASKED ME WITH FINDING A WAY TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

SO YOU'RE GETTING HIM A CHAOS EMERALD?

IT WOULDN'T HURT FOR US TO HAVE ONE. HE'LL BE HAPPY, THINKING THINGS ARE CHANGING... AND BE NONE THE WISER.

I HATE TO PULL ONE OVER ON THE OLD MAN, BUT IT'S A GOOD PLAN, Y'KNOW, FOR YOU.





HOW DOES ME GETTING SOAKING WET FACTOR IN YOUR BRILLIANT PLAN, THO'?

BUILDS CHARACTER.

PLUS YOU'VE GOT EXPERIENCE IN THE SPECIAL ZONE ...AND I HEAR YOU'RE ON FEIST'S GOOD SIDE. I NEED YOU ON THIS ONE.



AW, THAT'S SO SWEET. WHAT WOULD HERSHEY THINK?

SHE KNOWS YOU'RE NOT MY TYPE.



WHICH IS TO SAY YOU'RE VACUOUS AND NARCISSISTIC.

QUIET, YOU'LL MAKE ME BLUSH--OH! SORRY, MINA!

AH?!



CRIPES, HEDGEHOG! KNOCK HER ACROSS THE ROOM, WHY DON'T YOU?

I DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS THERE, ASH. MY BAD.



YEAH, IT IS YOUR BAD, YOU--

ASH? BABY? PLEASE, SHUT UP.



OH, ASH!
=SOB= I
CAN'T TAKE
IT ANY-
MORE!

SHHH! TALK
IT OUT, BABE.
LIKE WE'VE
BEEN
DOING.

IT'S LIKE LIVING
THE OCCUPATION ALL
OVER AGAIN! * THE
SKY SHUT OUT! THE
PEOPLE BEING
ROUNDED UP!
THE PUBLIC
LEGIONIZING!

* THE IRON DOMINION TOOK
OVER IN 5TH # 208-211

YOU HELPED,
THOUGH. YOU
GOT PEOPLE
TO THE WARP
RINGS. YOU
HELPED THEM
ESCAPE.

NOT ALL
OF THEM!
NOT WITH
THE
LEGION
AND THE
YAGYU ALL
OVER THE
PLACE...

...AND NICOLE!
RUNNING EVERY SINGLE
THING IN THE CITY WITH THOSE
LITTLE NANITE-THINGS! BEDS
EATING PEOPLE!

TREES
SNATCHING
YOU RIGHT
OFF THE
STREET!

SHE WAS
EVERY-
WHERE!



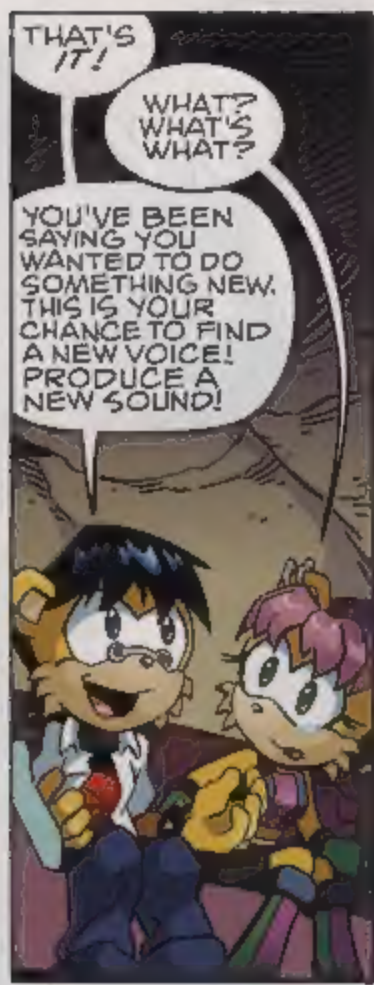


I DON'T CARE IF SONIC SAYS SHE'S BACK TO NORMAL. I WANT TO BELIEVE IN NICOLE LIKE HE DOES, BUT SHE'S EVERYWHERE AND EVERYTHING, ASH! IF SHE LOST CONTROL AGAIN...



IT WOULD BE OUR NIGHTMARES ALL OVER AGAIN. IT'S BEEN ROUGH ON BOTH OF US, ON A LOT OF PEOPLE.

AND-AND-AND IT'S LIKE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS CAN'T SEE THE DANGER. THEY FLY AWAY FOR A WHILE, SAVE THE DAY, AND THINK EVERYTHING IS PERFECT AGAIN.



THAT'S IT!

WHAT? WHAT'S WHAT?

YOU'VE BEEN SAYING YOU WANTED TO DO SOMETHING NEW. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO FIND A NEW VOICE! PRODUCE A NEW SOUND!



WHAT, LIKE... YEAH! MAKE A STATEMENT! DO SOMETHING WITH MY MUSIC! GET THE PEOPLE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON!

BINGO! WE WAKE 'EM UP...! WE GIVE YOUR STUFF A NEW EDGE TO REALLY SPICE UP THE SOUND!



ASH, YOU'RE BRILLIANT!

C'MON! LET'S START WRITING MUSIC!

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YO, NICOLE!
CAN YOU FIRE UP
THE STAR POSTS
FOR A TRIP TO
THE SPECIAL
ZONE?

JUST A
MOMENT,
SONIC.



HEH, I FEEL A
LITTLE BAD
DOING THIS
UNDER A
PRETENSE.

ME TOO,
BUT WHAT-
EVER IT
TAKES TO
PRE-
SERVE
THE
KINGDOM.

WOW, HOW
BORING OF
YOU. HEY,
HOW'S
HERSHEY?
I HAVEN'T
SEEN HER
IN FOR-
EVER.



SHE'S GOOD,
SHE'S...DEEP
UNDER COVER.
I WON'T BE
SEEING HER
FOR A
WHILE.

AH,
THAT'S
ROUGH,
MAN.



STAR POSTS
ARE ONLINE,
SONIC.

THANKS, NICOLE!
FOLLOW MY LEAD
WHILE WERE IN
THERE, SOLDIER-
BOY, THE SPECIAL
ZONE IS INTENSE!

OH,
PLEASE, I'VE
READ THE
REPORTS, I
THINK I CAN
HANDLE...

.. CR,KEY.

TO-D
YA SO.



**YOU DARE
RETURN TO
FEIST'S
DOMAIN?!**

**FEIST WILL
NOT TOLERATE
AN INFESTATION
OF MORTALS!!!**

...SONIC?

**WHOA-WHOA-
WHOA! FEIST! IT'S
ME! SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG! YOU
LIKED THAT I GAVE
IXIS NAUGUS A
MAJOR HEADACHE,
REMEMBER?**

**YEAH!
ME! I
THOUGHT
WE WERE
COOL,
MAN!**



YES, FEIST RECALLS NOW.

YOU HAVE COME FOR ANOTHER CHAOS EMERALD?

SURE, MAN WE'LL PLAY BALL, BUT WHAT "OTHERS" ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHO ELSE KNOWS ABOUT THIS PLACE?

YOU LIKE GAMES, DO YOU?

IF THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU...?

YOU WILL PLAY FEIST'S GAME AND ABIDE BY HIS RULES? DEFY ME AS THE OTHERS DID, AND FEIST WILL SMITE YOU.

FEIST ENJOYS A GOOD SPORT.

HA HA HA! AN ENGAGING OFFER! FEIST APPROVES!

AND SONIC DOES NOT, DUDE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

OH, RELAX, IT MAKES THE SCARY GOD TYPE HAPPY, AND BETWEEN THE TWO OF US, THIS SHOULD BE A BREEZE.

THEN HOW ABOUT YOU PUT THE TWO OF US AGAINST EACH OTHER? HALVES THE ODDS OF US WALKING AWAY WITH ONE OF YOUR GEMS AND RAISES THE STAKES, RIGHT?

Y'KNOW, I LIKE THIS A LOT BETTER THAN OUR OLD GRUDGES.

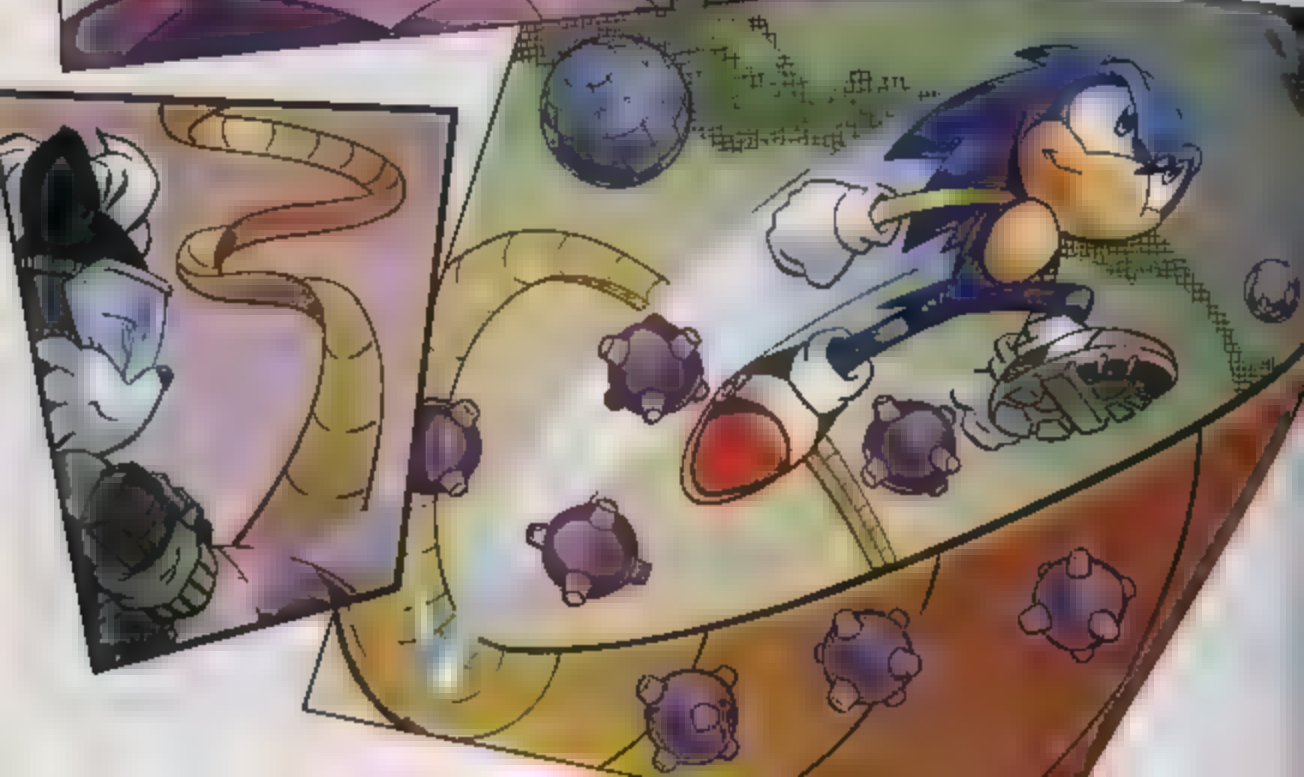
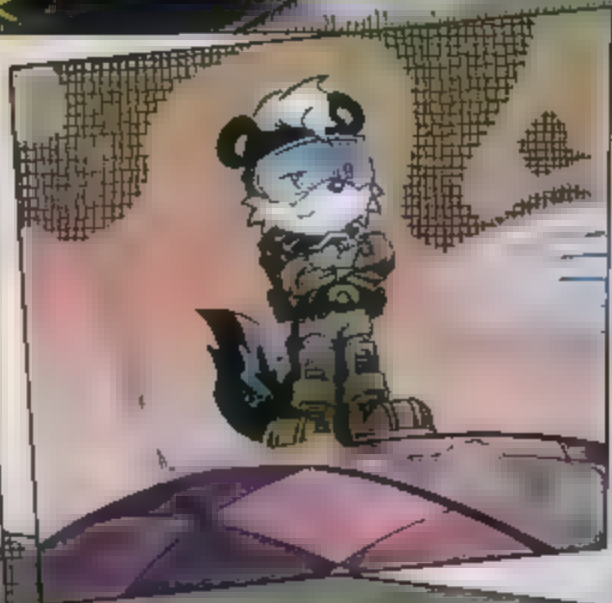
THE HATCHET IS OFFICIALLY BURIED, THEN, YOU LOONEY CHILD?

BETTER A LOON THAN A STINKY WANNA-BE, SKUNKY.



MAY THE BEST
SUPER-SPEEDY
HEDGEHOG WIN.

READY?
GO!





BA-DAH-DAH-DAH-DAH-DAH!

GO AHEAD.



**MAKE
CREAM'S
DAY.**

CHAO.*

* WORD

...BY READING THE BRAND NEW SONIC UNIVERSE ARC!

TREASURE TEAM TANGO

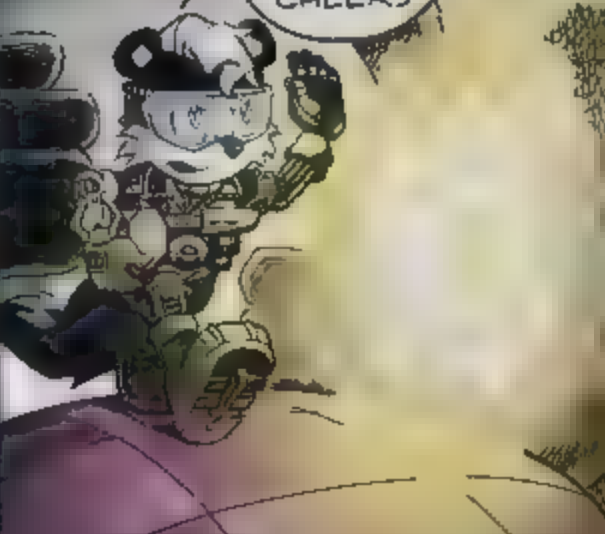
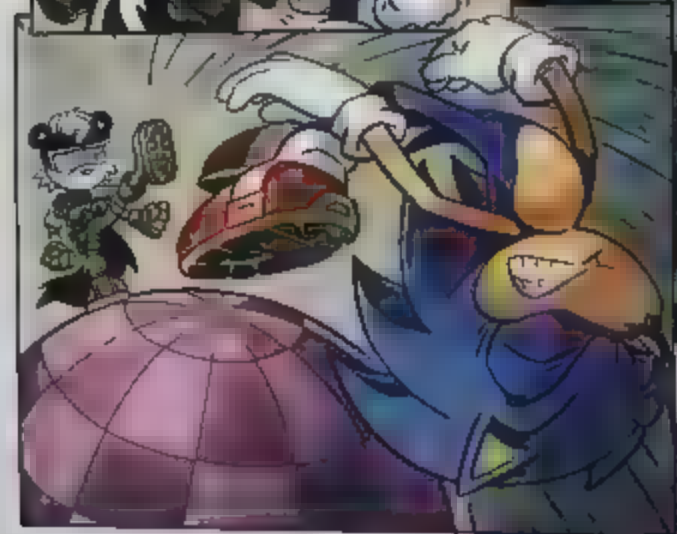


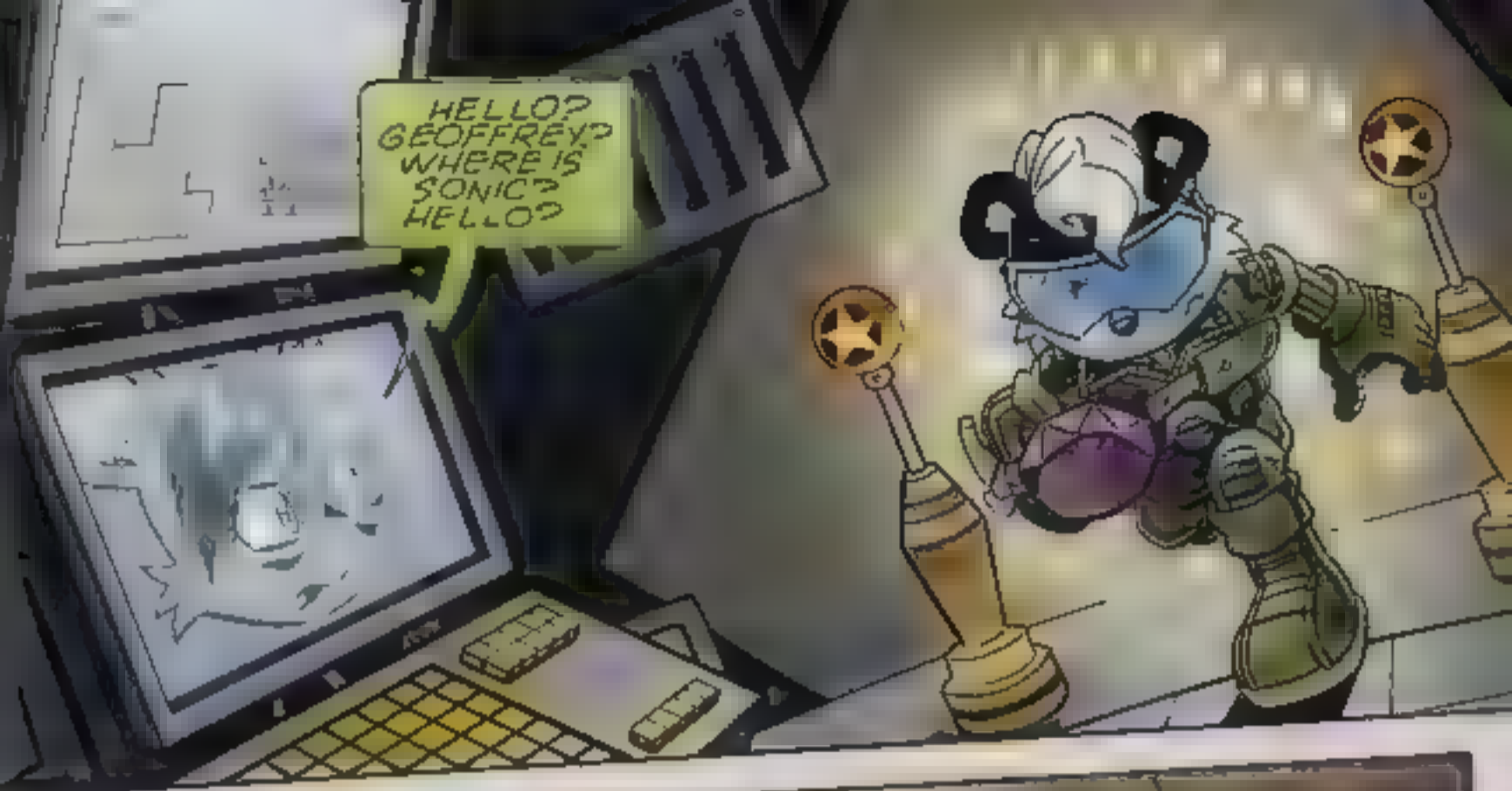
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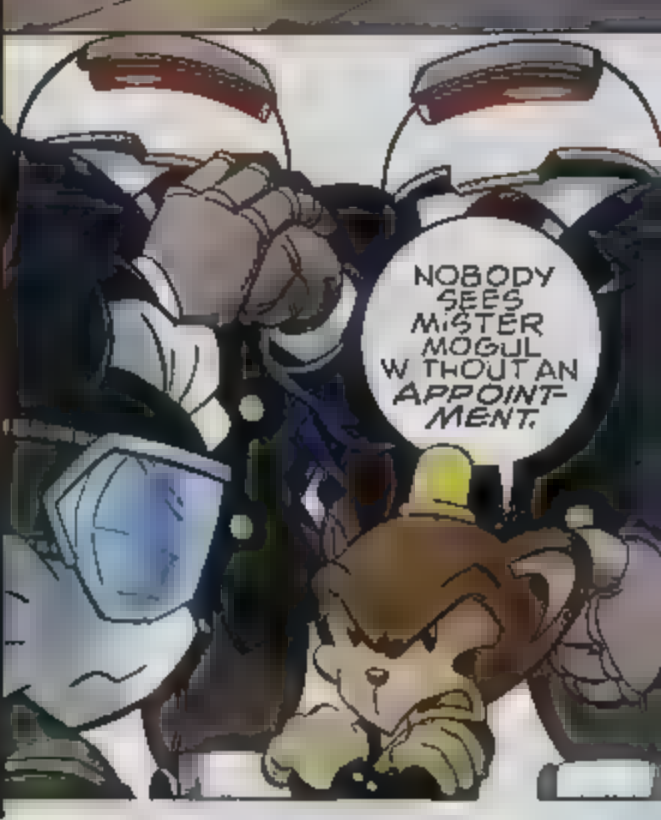
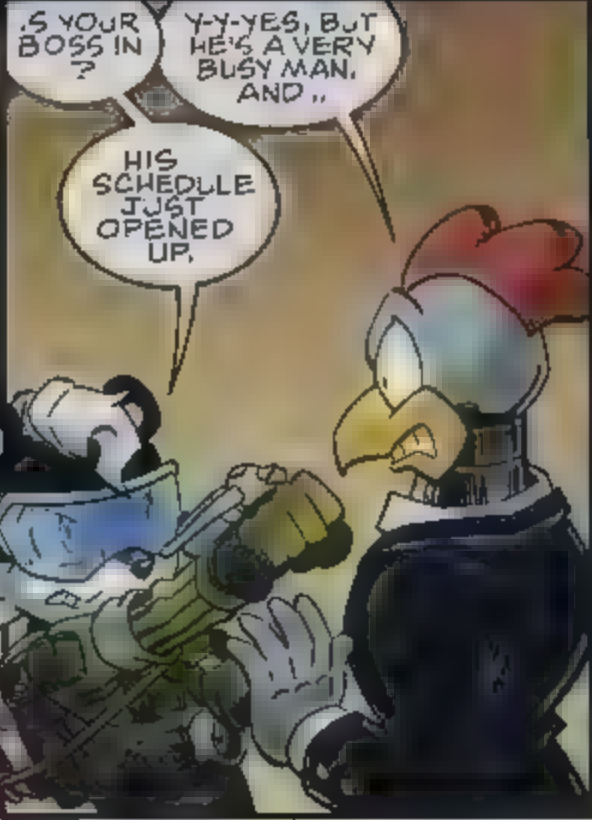
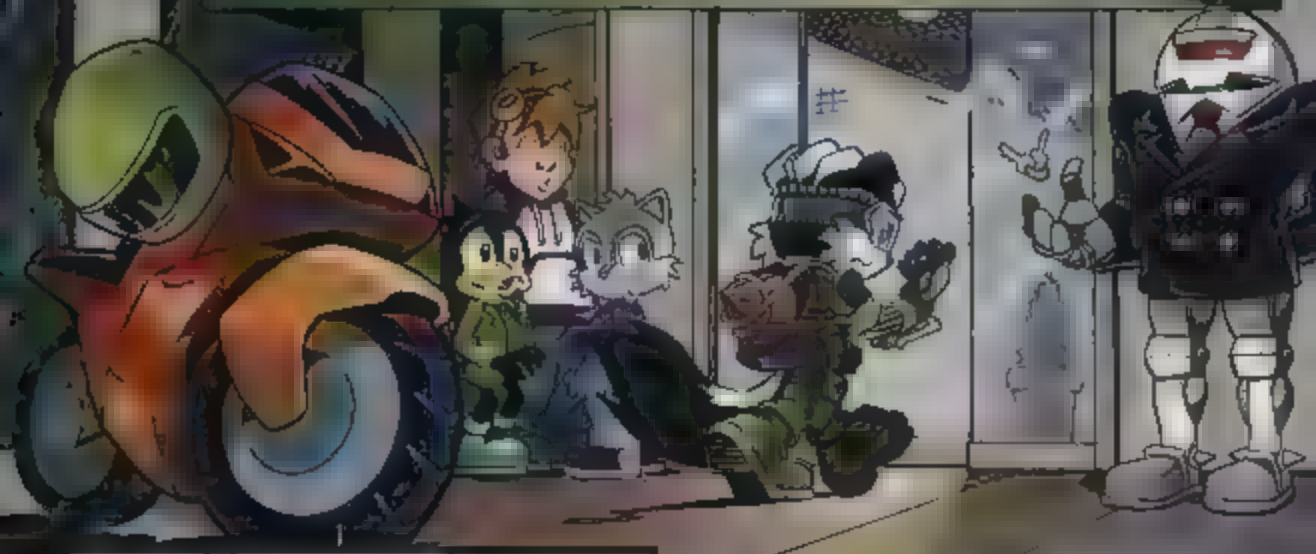
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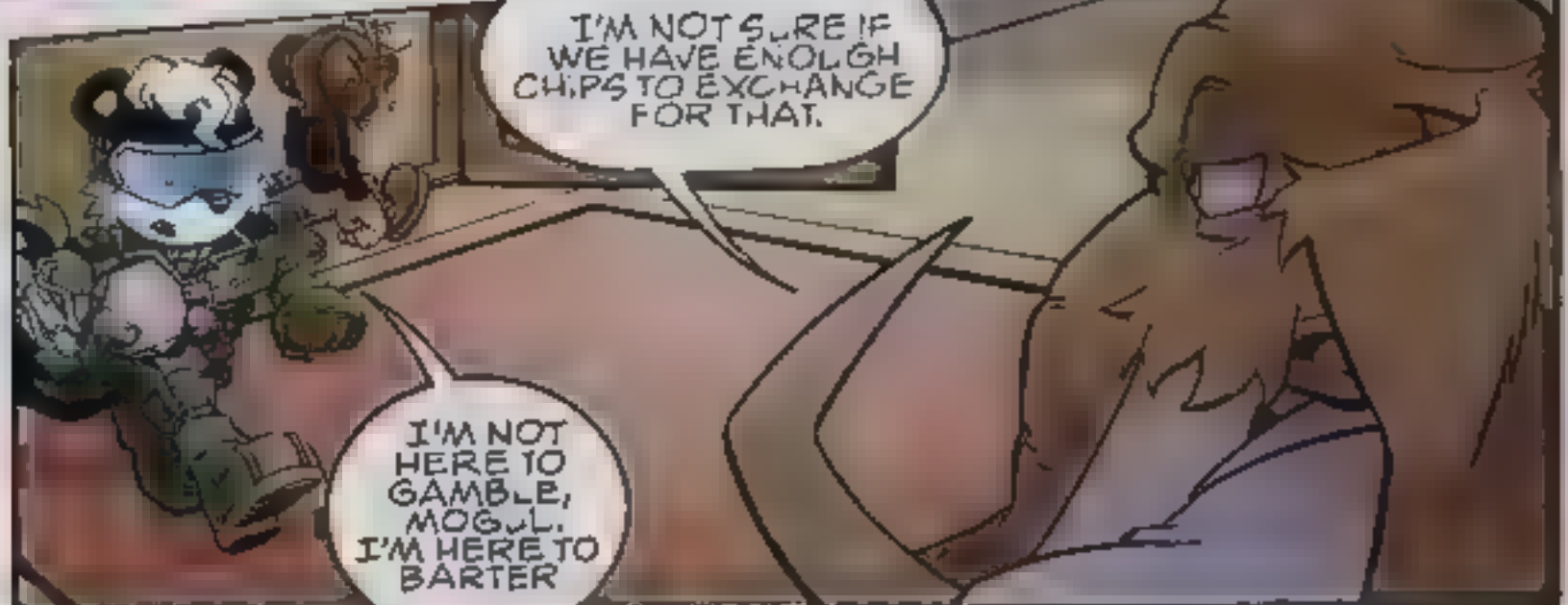




Y-Y-YO!R
ELEVEN
O'CLOCK
S HERE,
SIR




COM-
MANDER
ST JOHN,
ISN'T IT?
AND WITH
A CHAOS
EMERALD,
NO LESS.

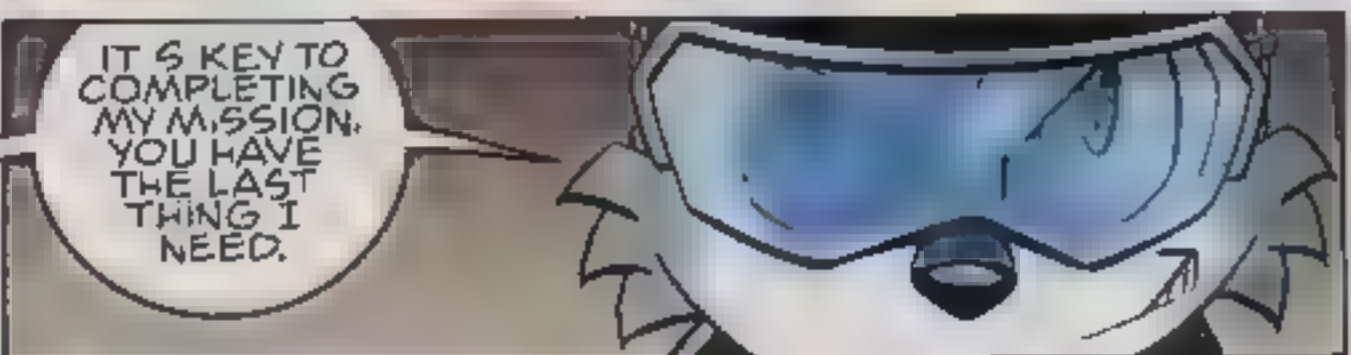


I'M NOT SURE IF
WE HAVE ENOUGH
CHIPS TO EXCHANGE
FOR THAT.

I'M NOT
HERE TO
GAMBLE,
MOGUL.
I'M HERE TO
BARTER




I HAVE RETIRED FROM
DAILY ANTAGONISM AND
MALEVOLENCE COMMANDER
WHAT NEED WOULD I HAVE
FOR ANOTHER CHAOS
EMERALD?



NONE,
THIS
GEM
ISN'T
FOR
YOU.

IT'S KEY TO
COMPLETING
MY MISSION.
YOU HAVE
THE LAST
THING I
NEED.



OH?
WHAT
MISSION
S
THAT?

TO
RESTORE
THE TRUE
KING
TO THE
THRONE

SONIC LOST
TO THE *SPECIAL*
ZONE!

DISSENT IN *NEW*
MOBOTROPOLIS!

AND WHAT'S
GOING ON WITH
GEOFFREY AND THE
CHAOS EMERALD?!

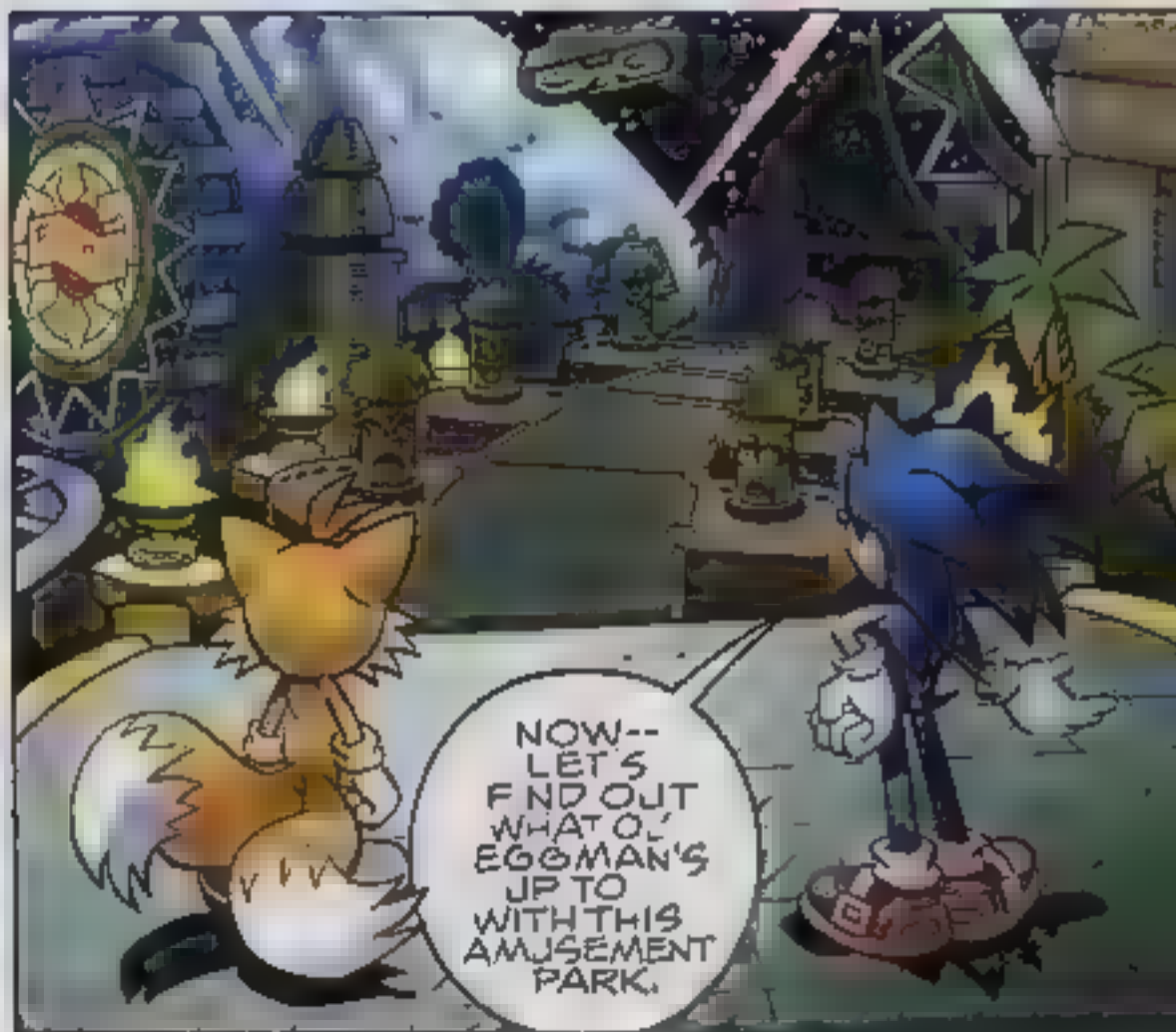
DON'T MISS PART TWO
OF "IN SERVICE TO
THE KING"
NEXT TIME!

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OUT "SONIC UNIVERSE,"
THE SONIC ARCHIVES,
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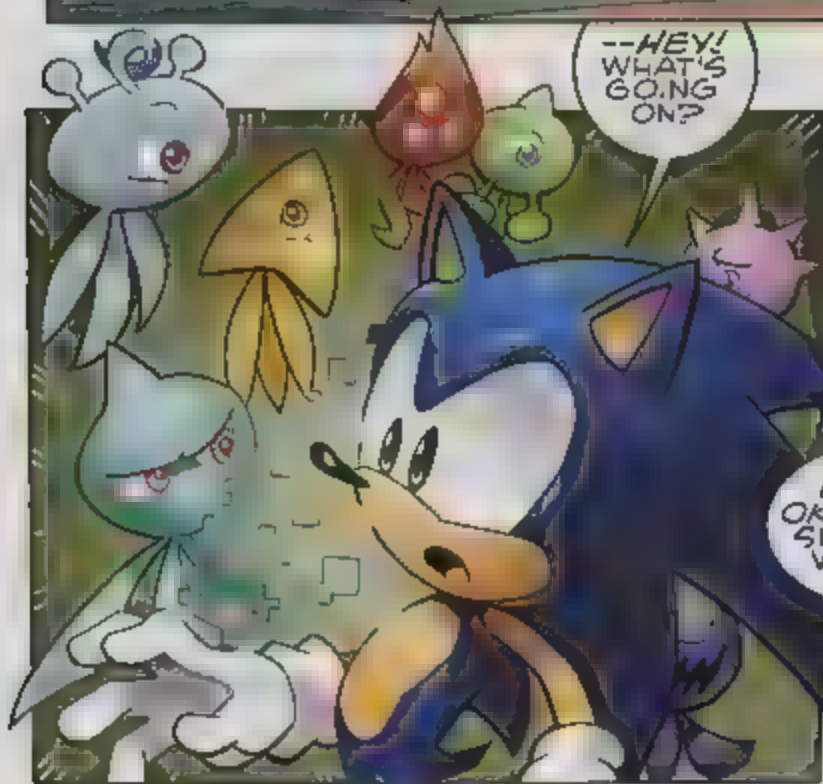
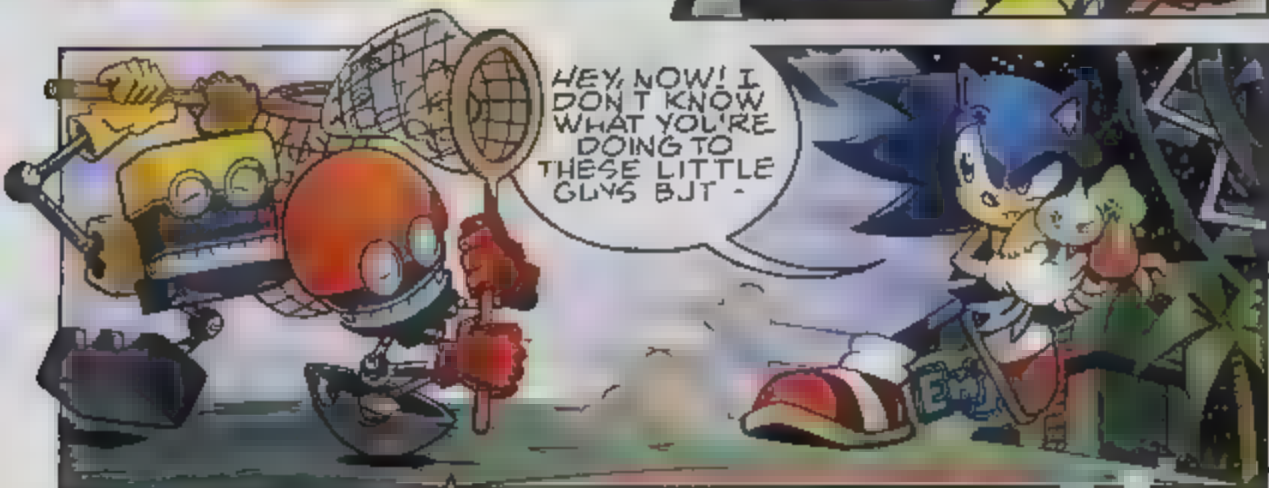
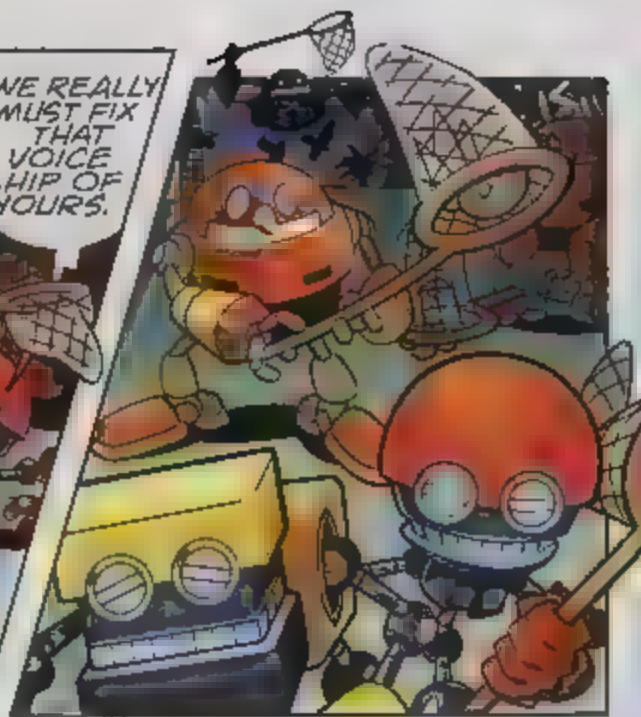
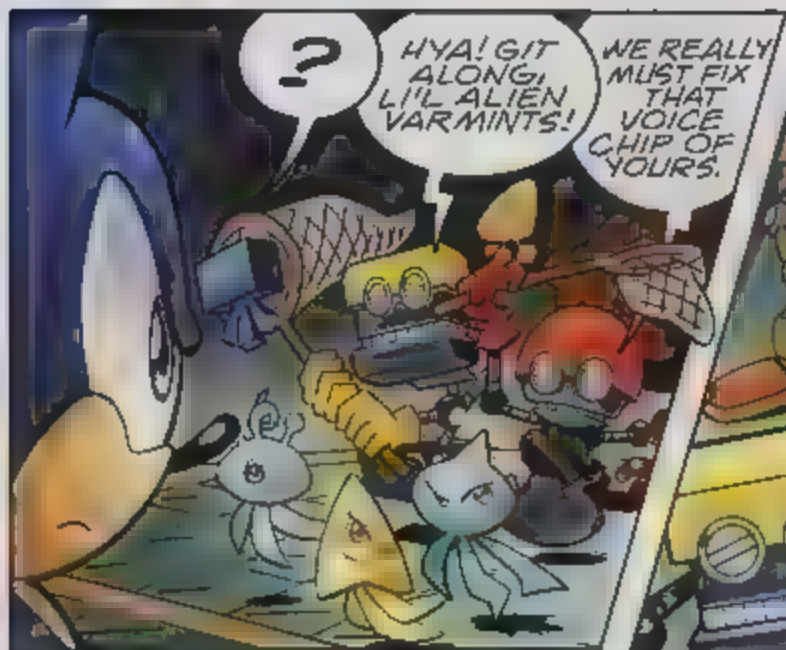


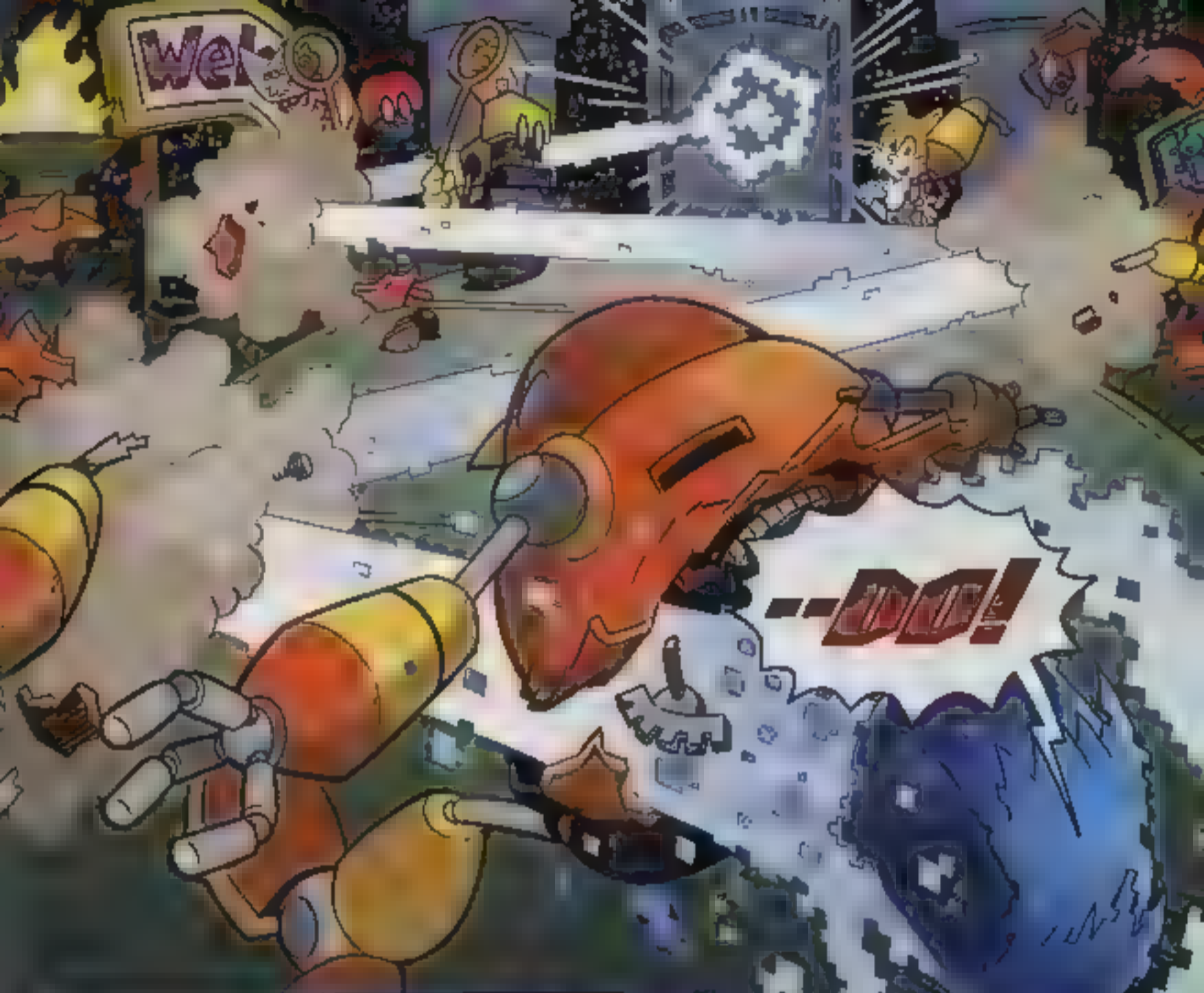
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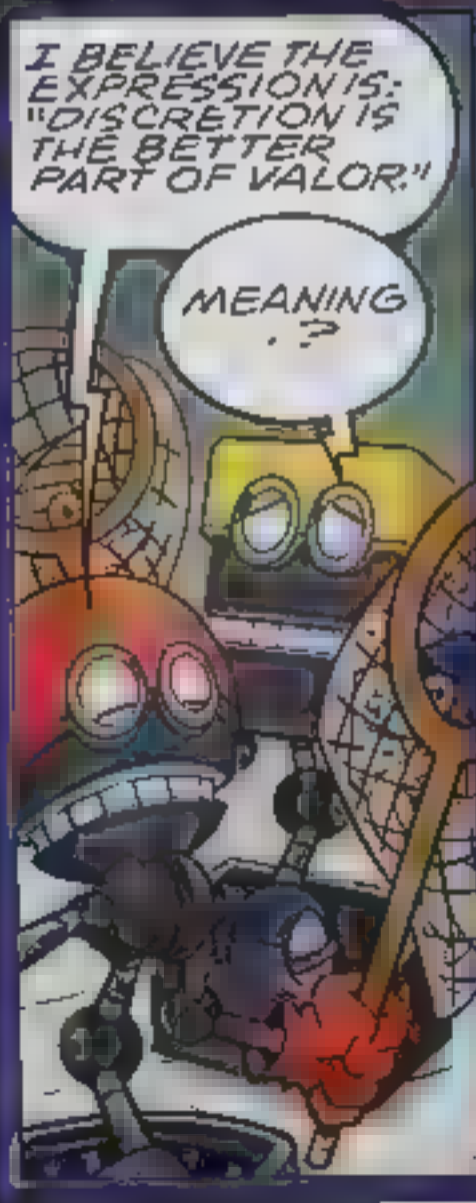
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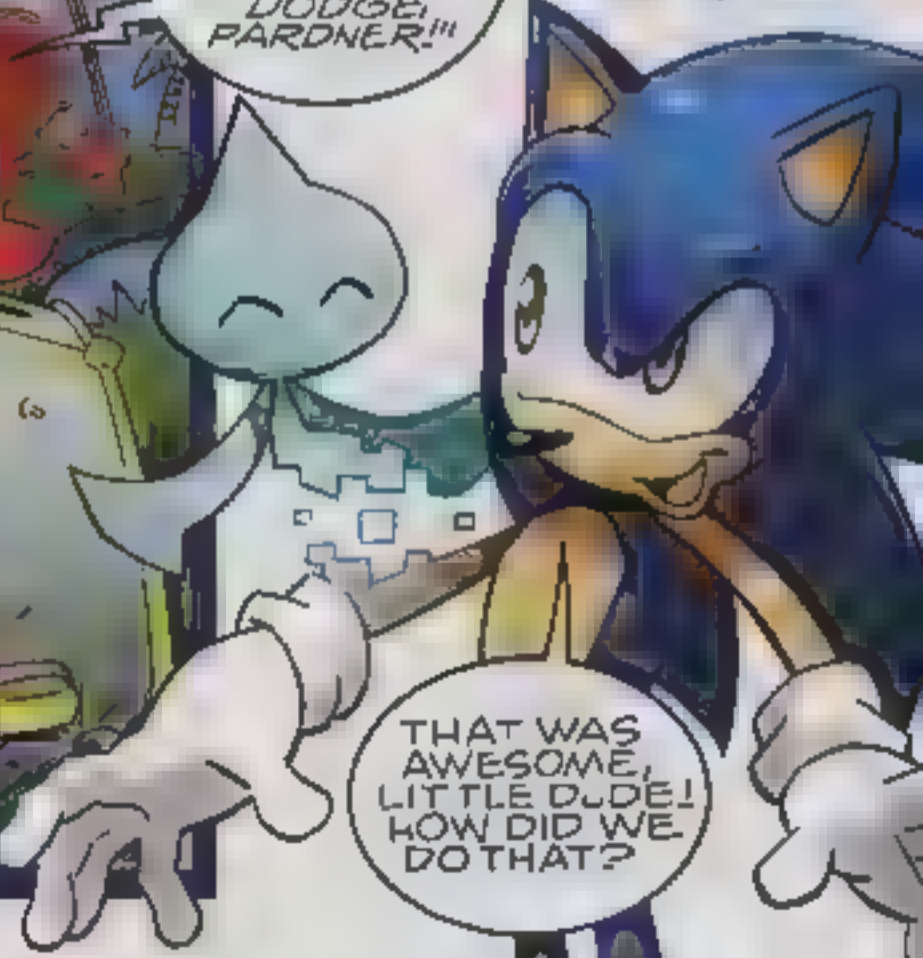


I BELIEVE THE EXPRESSION IS: "DISCRETION IS THE BETTER PART OF VALOR!"

MEANING . . . ?



AS YOU MIGHT PUT IT: "LET'S GIT OUTTA DODGE, PARDNER!!"



THAT WAS AWESOME, LITTLE DUDE! HOW DID WE DO THAT?

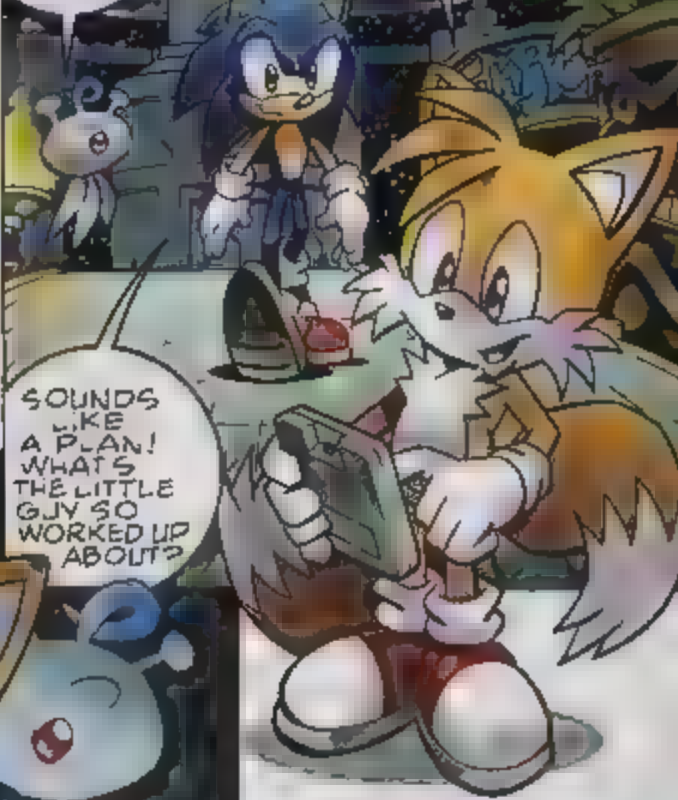
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HUH, YOU'RE QUITE THE LITTLE YACKER, AREN'T YOU?

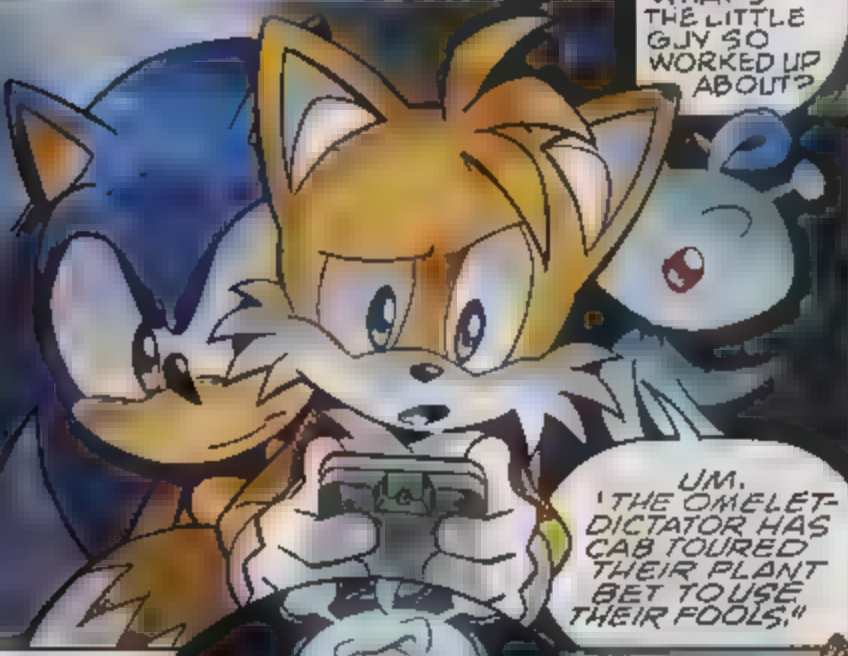


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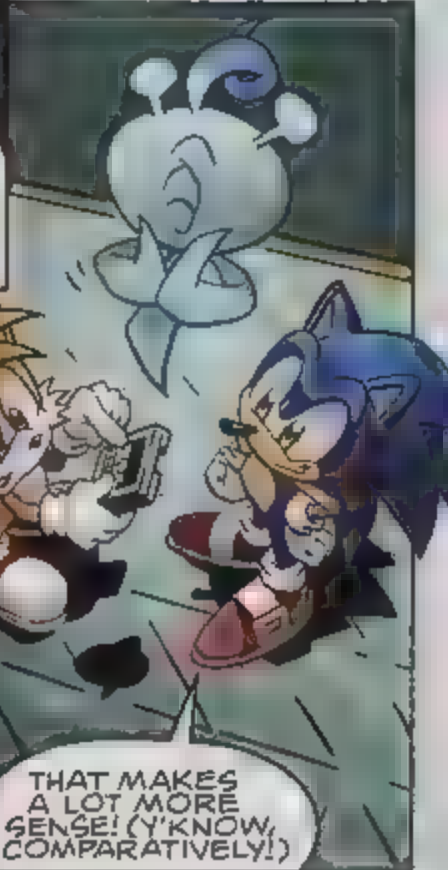
HEY! MAYBE I CAN ADJUST MY HAND-HELD TO TRANSLATE WHAT HE'S SAYING.



SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN! WHAT'S THE LITTLE GUY SO WORKED UP ABOUT?



UM, 'THE OMELET-DICTATOR HAS CAB TOURED THEIR PLANET BET TO USE THEIR FOOLS!'



HERE WE GO! DOCTOR EGGMAN HAS CAPTURED THEIR PLANET AND IS USING THEIR KIND AS FUEL!

THAT MAKES A LOT MORE SENSE! (Y'KNOW, COMPARATIVELY!)

DON'T YOU WORRY, LITTLE TALKATIVE GHOSTLY-ALIEN GUY!

DON'T YOU WORRY, YACKER THE WISP! I'LL SAVE YOUR PLANET AND YOUR FRIENDS!

HIS NAME IS YACKER. HE'S A WISP.

AND I CAN COUNT ON YOU GUYS TO LEND A HAND WITH YOUR COOL POWERS, RIGHT?

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GEOFFREY ONCE REPLACED SALLY WITH A ROBOT CLONE! HE'S BAD!



BUT IT WAS ALL PART OF SALLY'S PLAN TO FOIL ROBOTNIK. HE'S GOOD!

HE BULLIED PRINCE BLAC AND HAD SONIC'S KNIGHTHOOD REVOKED! HE'S BAD!



BUT HE ADVISED THE INEXPERIENCED PRINCE, AND SONIC HAD STOLEN THE SWORD OF ACORN. HE'S GOOD!



HE'S FOUGHT SONIC MORE THAN ANY OTHER "GOOD BOY". HE'S BAD!



THEY'VE MADE UP. THEY'RE FRIENDS NOW! HE'S GOOD!



WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ONE!

THERE'S NO FUN IN TELLING. YOOOOOOOOO!!! GEE!

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LETTERS

DU TO THE OVERWHELMING AMOUNT OF FAN RESPONSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REPLY TO EACH FAN. SPACE LIMITATIONS MAY REQUIRE SOME PRINTED LETTERS TO BE EDITED. ALL YOUR LETTERS ARE APPRECIATED!

Dear Sonic-Grams, It's me, Kamen S., remember me? My...
SAY NO MORE! I remember you all right - and you'll pay for what you did!
...letter was in STH#208 I think. It took up most of the page!
Oh, ::ahem:: sorry about that, I must have confused you with the FIEND who stole my pudding cup at lunch...
My suggestion for a Sonic (or Sonic Universe) story arc involves the new Sonic game coming out this December, "SONIC: COLORS." From what I've researched, Eggman is using the colorful energy of these things called "Wisps" to power his interstellar amusement park. Sonic tries to stop him

and discovers he can use the power of the Wisps! For instance, when Sonic absorbs the powers of the yellow Wisp, he can drill through solid ground and shoot through water like a torpedo! I figured this out on my Wii's Nintendo channel @ Sega.com!
Wow! Believe it or not, we had the exact same idea printed in this very issue! Write in and tell us if you want to see more "Sonic: Colors" themed stories in Sonic or Sonic Universe!
That is all I've got to type - hope your comics keep getting more and more successful! See ya & keep on juicin'!

Kamen S.
from Maryland

Thanks for the letter, Kamen! And if you find out who stole my pudding cup, let me know and I'll "wisp" 'em good!
Dear Sonic-Grams, My name is Aiden and I'm 5 1/2 years old! I like Sonic INFINITY times! I like Sonic better than anything, and can you please send me a video game of Sonic? I looked at real hedgehogs on YouTube with mommy and I saw Sonic there.

from,
Aiden C.
from Minnesota

Thanks for the letter, Aiden! You and your mom are the way-past-coolest!

That's all for now, see ya next month :)

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A TRAITOR -- REVEALED!

CAN SONIC ESCAPE THE "SPECIAL ZONE"? WHAT IS MINA UP TO? AND JUST WHAT IS GEOFFREY'S PROBLEM, ANYWAY?!
"IN SERVICE TO THE KING" pt2 (of 3)
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 1/04/11

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IT'S MADNESS! IT'S MELEE! IT'S...

TREASURE TEAM TANGO
PART THREE OF FOUR

PLUS: THE MYSTERY 4TH TEAM - REVEALED!
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 12/21/10!

OH, SNAP!

the SONIC SPIN

I say editorial, you say commentary -- "editorial"!

I smell a traitor! (heh... cuz he's a skunk...)

It was early 2008 and I was having one of my first conversations with Ian Flynn about the story direction of **Sonic the Hedgehog**. When he told me his plan for what would later become "In service to the King," I couldn't WAIT! A few invasions, several FF groups and one Snively-cape later, and you've got the cataclysmic event that will change the face of the Sonic Universe!

It's all part of the build-up to issue 225, which begins Sonic's 20th anniversary celebration, and you're all in for a very special treat! Stay tuned!

Catch ya next month!

Paul



LEFT: Jammin' Jamal Peppers' pencils for the "shot heard 'round Mobius" panel! RIGHT: Jamal's original sketch for the #219 cover!



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